

REPORTS ON THE FLORA OF THE BOSTON
DISTRICT.—III.

IN preparing this list of the *Liliaceae* it has seemed best to the Committee to omit several introduced species that are mentioned in some of our local floras. In most cases this is because no records of existing specimens have been received, while the few definite records that do exist, indicate that such plants are merely persistent and not spreading.

The plants introduced around Concord by the late Minot Pratt have thus been purposely omitted. In fact, only one herbarium specimen of the *Liliaceae* has been reported, and that plant, *Trillium grandiflorum* Salisb., is gradually losing ground. Persons interested are referred to the lists published by the late Alfred W. Hosmer, in RHODORA i, September, 1899. These records of nine years ago, without recent reports, do not seem to the Committee sufficient to entitle any of these species to a place here.

LILIACEAE.

VERATRUM.

V. viride Ait. Wet woods and meadows; very abundant north and west of Boston, but not reported south of the Blue Hills.

UVULARIA.

U. perfoliata L. Leaf-mould soil in open deciduous woods; occasional.

OAKESIA.

O. sessilifolia (L.) Watson. Moist open woods, common.

ALLIUM.

A. tricoccum Ait. Rich woods; Andover, locally abundant; Framingham, rare; Waltham, very abundant in one station.

A. canadense L. Moist open woods and meadows, frequent; not reported south of Needham.

A. VINEALE L. Waste and cultivated ground, a rare weed; Cambridge (Botanic Garden), Milton, Woburn.

A. SCHOENOPRASUM L. Sparingly introduced in Essex county; Georgetown (*Mrs. C. N. S. Horner*).

HEMEROCALLIS.

H. FULVA L. Persistent and spreading around old dwellings; common, but seldom collected.

LILIUM.

L. philadelphicum L. Open woods and fields in rather dry soil; common throughout.

L. canadense L. Meadows, frequent.

L. TIGRINUM Ker. Persistent and spreading about house-sites; occasional.

ERYTHRONIUM.

E. americanum Ker. Moist deciduous woods; common in Essex county, occasional elsewhere.

SCILLA.

S. SIBIRICA Andr. Ballast near Parker St., Cambridge (*M. L. Fernald*, May 16, 1901); damp meadow, station spreading, Concord (*E. F. Williams*).

ORNITHOGALUM.

O. UMBELLATUM L. Moist fields, a frequent escape from gardens.

MUSCARI.

M. BOTRYOIDES (L.) Mill. Essex Co. (*Wm. Oakes*, 1817); in oak woods, Putnamville, Danvers, covering a patch three or four yards square (*J. Robinson*, May 22, 1879); North Andover (*H. C. Sargent & C. H. Morss*, May 1, 1885).

ASPARAGUS.

A. OFFICINALIS L. Fields and roadsides, common.

CLINTONIA.

C. borealis (Ait.) Raf. Rich woods, locally abundant.

SMILACINA.

S. racemosa (L.) Desf. Deciduous woods, very common.

S. stellata (L.) Desf. Sandy soil and wet meadows, occasional.

S. trifolia (L.) Desf. Cold bogs and cedar swamps, rare.

STREPTOPUS.

S. roseus, Michx. Rich woods, Newburyport (*Edward Moulton*, May 20, 1887); Rockport (*Mrs. Ann Babson*, 1866); also near Hospital Point, Beverly (*J. H. Sears*).

MAIANTHEMUM.

M. canadense Desf. Woods, common throughout.

POLYGONATUM.

P. GIGANTEUM Dietr. Escaped, Cambridge (*J. M. Hunnewell*, 1898); roadside, introduced in tall grass, and apparently well established, Woburn (*A. S. Pease & A. H. Moore*).

P. biflorum (Walt.) Ell. Moist deciduous woods, common.

CONVALLARIA.

C. MAJALIS L. Well established in Franklin (*E. F. Williams*) and Watertown (*M. L. Fernald*); also in Danvers and Salem (*J. Robinson*), Wakefield (*F. S. Collins*), Woburn (*A. H. Moore*).

MEDEOLA.

M. virginiana L. Rich deciduous woods, common.

TRILLIUM.

T. erectum L. Rich woods, occasional in Essex county; Milton, "doubtless introduced" (*C. H. Morss*).

T. cernuum L. Damp woods, common throughout.

T. undulatum Willd. (*T. erythrocarpum* Michx.) Rich woods, rare.

ALETRIS.

A. farinosa L. Sandy roadside, common, Bridgewater (*J. A. Cushman*); formerly in Needham, but exterminated in 1885 (*T. O. Fuller*).

SMILAX.

S. herbacea L. Moist fields and open woods; fairly common, but not reported south of the Blue Hills.

S. rotundifolia L. Woods, very common; more luxuriant in moist situations.

S. glauca Walt. Dry thickets and railroad embankments; Dedham, Hanson, Milton, Roxbury, Weston, Westwood.

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NOTE ON WEIGELA ROSEA.

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THERE is a small gland at the base of the blossom of *Weigela rosea*. I knew this forty years ago; but had entirely forgotten it, until, in looking over some old letters a short time ago, I discovered one from a pupil of mine, the niece of Dr. Asa Gray. This reads as follows.—

"I showed Uncle Gray the little gland in *Weigela rosea*. He had